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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 3, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.